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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SPAIN OF IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER

1. THE VISIT TO SPAIN FEB 2-5 OF IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC THEMES, WITH PRESS COVERAGE NOTING THAT SPAIN'S EXPORTS TO IRAN AMOUNT TO ONLY SOME 10-15 PERCENT OF ITS IMPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY, SPAIN'S SECOND-MOST-IMPORTANT SOURCE OF CRUDE OIL. ALSO HIGHLIGHTED BY BOTH THE PRESS AND HOVEYDA HIMSELF WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SHAH AND KING JUAN CARLOS, WHO VISITED IRAN IN 1969, 1971, AND 1975.

2. IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS, WHICH WERE UNREMITTINGLY CORDIAL, HOVEYDA SAID INTER ALIA THAT HIS TALKS WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS (AMONG WHOM WERE THE HEAD OF THE BANK OF SPAIN AND THE FINANCE MINISTER AS WELL AS PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ AND THE KING) "INCLUDED REFERENCES TO IRAN'S NEW TRADE POLICY TO THE EFFECT THAT IN RETURN FOR A DIRECT SUPPLY OF OIL TO SPAIN, IRAN WOULD PURCHASE MORE GOODS FROM SPAIN." HE ALSO ECHOED A FAVORED RECENT GOS THEME IN EXPRESSING A WISH THAT "THE SEAS AND
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OCEANS OF THE WORLD" (THE GOS STRESSES THE MEDITERRANEAN) BECOME AREAS OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. A PERSONAL NOTE PLAYED HEAVILY IN THE PRESS HERE WAS THE FACT THAT HOVEYDA HAD STUDIED IN SPAIN AND WRITTEN ON PHILIP II: HE STAYED ON AFTER THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO REVISIT GRANADA AND SEVILLE.

3. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTED AGREEMENT ON A BROAD RANGE OF

INTERNATIONAL THEMES AND DECLARED THAT THE TWO CHIEFS OF GOVT "CENTERED THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN IMPORTANT INCREASE IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION." THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATED "THE TWO PARTIES HAVE CONSIDERED THE SUPPLY OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY IRAN FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL GOODS IN SPAIN, AS WELL AS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BY SPANISH FIRMS. IN THIS RESPECT, CONCRETE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPYARDS AND HOSPITALS IN IRAN." STABLER

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